

City of Bloomington presents: Blooming Neighborhoods neighborhood awards celebration



2011 Awards Application Information



Bloomington's Neighborhood Associations have been nurturing and growing wonderful ideas and projects. Now it is time to recognize those special achievements. The **Blooming Neighborhood Awards** recognize the efforts and reward the accomplishments of organized neighborhood groups in Bloomington.

There are three award categories:

- **Mayor's Excellence Award**
- **City Council Neighborhood Enhancement Award**
- **HAND Team of the Year Award (changed from Neighbor of the Year to Team)**

Who may apply for an award?

Neighborhood groups registered with the City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department. Registration is simply filling out a form with basic information and submitting the by-laws of the organization. Neighborhoods may only submit one application per category, with a two category limit.

How are the winners selected? What are the awards?

Applications received by the deadline of Monday, April 18, 2011 are evaluated by representatives from each of the three award categories. Presentation of the awards will be held at a City Council meeting. Award winners will receive \$100 check made payable to their perspective Neighborhood Association.

Blooming Neighborhoods Awards Timeline

Friday, April 18, 2011

Applications due in HAND office.

Blooming Neighborhood Awards

Presentation of awards to winning Neighborhood Associations at a City Council meeting.

Blooming Neighborhood Celebration

9:00 a.m. to noon

This event is for all our neighborhood residents, whether or not your neighborhood is participating in the Blooming Neighborhood Awards. Neighborhoods will be encouraged to host their own information table to showcase their neighborhood. RSVP with Vickie for a space.

Deadline

The deadline for submittal of your **Blooming Neighborhood Award** Application is Friday, April 18, 2011 in the HAND Department:

City of Bloomington
Housing and Neighborhood Development
P.O. Box 100
Bloomington, IN 47402
Attn: Blooming Neighborhood Award
or
provinev@bloomington.in.gov



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You may type or hand print this application. Be sure to complete all three pages. You may include additional documentation such as fliers, newsletters and correspondence, but applicants will be judged primarily on the information contained in the application. Pictures are appreciated! For more information, contact Vickie Provine at 349-3505.

Neighborhood Association and/or Individual's Name



Neatness Counts!

Boundaries of neighborhood:

north _____ south _____

east _____ west _____

Which city council district are you in? _____

Your name: _____ Address _____

Your telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Check one

☐yes ☐no Is your group registered with the City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department? If no, please call Vickie at 349-3505 to help you register.

Use the space provided on page # 3 to summarize your neighborhood or individual's achievement and tell us how it was accomplished. Here are questions that need to be addressed as you write your application:

Why does the team, project or achievement deserve an award?

How was the project conducted (the process can be as critical as the outcome)?

What did the neighborhood accomplish?

Who benefited from your projects contribution?

Did the neighborhood partner with another organization to conduct the project?

How was the project paid for?

How many people worked on the project?

How many hours did the neighborhood spend working on the project?

Was the achievement a one-time success, or is it a continuing effort?

If the project is going to continue, how will it be kept going?

**Neighborhood Associations may apply for two awards. You must submit a separate application for each award.
(Check the box of the award you are submitting with this application.)**

☐ **Mayor's Excellence Award**

Criteria for award:

- *Activities or programs that clearly show active participation by the neighborhood group and a partnering organization in building relationships.*
- *Activities or programs that dealt with unusual challenges and /or major obstacles.*
- *Activities or programs that demonstrate creativity in obtaining resources for the neighborhood.*
- *Evidence of outreach to neighborhood residents, churches, schools, business and other groups in an effort to build a united neighborhood.*

☐ **City Council Neighborhood Enhancement Award**

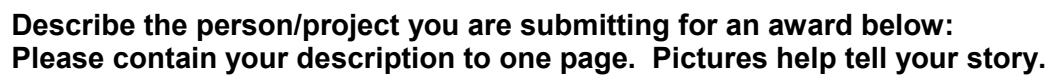
Criteria for award:

- *Neighborhood implementing a program that promotes sustainability in the areas of the environment, the local economy, and/or social equity.*
- *Cleaning up an area that was an eyesore*
- *Implementing a program that beautifies the neighborhood.*
- *Restoration of historic infrastructure projects.*
- *Neighborhood Association encouraging residents to keep their properties well maintained.*
- *Implementing a project or program that has proven benefits for the neighborhood and/or community.*

☐ **HAND Team of the Year Award**

Criteria for award:

- *A team that has demonstrated exceptional ability to attract neighborhood stakeholders to be involved in neighborhood projects.*
- *A team that has completed a project which increased the visibility, stature and overall identity of a neighborhood.*
- *A team that has achieved a pivotal or innovative community development project.*
- *A team that has made great strides in promoting neighbors to become involved in the Neighborhood Association.*



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